

TO "A BACKSLIDER"

From One Who Was Almost in the Same Condition.

I am one of, I dare say, many who are praying for "A Backslider," whose letter, I read in "The War Cry" dated January 17th. I thought much to me; I have him very much on my mind and heart, and am writing this hoping by God's blessing there may be some word in it which may help him.

I was in almost the same condition as our brother up till four months ago; so long to return to God and yet so unable to decide to give up my old ways and habits, one besetting sin especially keeping me back; but I knew no peace, and no satisfaction in that sinful condition. I tried to believe, I tried to worry; there was no God, and I was all right; but it was no good, for in my heart I knew God was calling me, and it only had the effect of making me more unsettled. I always heard something which urged to do decide.

Then one day in October last I heard some one say, "God can do what you think impossible, if you are willing to give up your sins; and if you are willing to let Him, and know you can find Him, and you are accepted if, in repentance, you are accepted if, I saw in an instant that I had not been willing to give up one sin, and then and there asked God to make me willing. At the end of that day, at my own bedside, I told God that I was willing and would trust Him to deliver me from the power of temptation, and that I gave myself to Him to pardon and to keep, and that that moment I have had a different experience from anything I had before. I had asked Jesus to come into my heart, and I knew for certain He had taken possession, and He has never left me.

Then, I have temptations, but instant and believing prayer has always saved me from falling; I walk not by sight, or by feeling, but by faith. Jesus has promised to save me to keep, and I have just claimed those promises.

Oh, how I wish our brother would realize that when once he takes Jesus and trusts Him, He will do for him what he has been trying all this time to do for himself—the calm, undisturbed state, as it is, he is willing. May God bless and save him!

A Sister, Saved and Happy.
Toronto, Jan. 20.

BREAKS DOWN THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

One of the most eminent living authorities on nervous and mental diseases, himself predisposed in favor of intemperate, has reached the conclusion that alcohol is the greatest and most potent of all factors in the deterioration of humanity. Approaching his subject with the calm, unbiased mind of a true scientist, Dr. Emil Kraepelin, professor of mental diseases in the University of Munich, has demonstrated that alcohol is a narcotic first, and always; that the stimulation it is merely imaginary, and that one does less and poorer work under its influence. Although, curiously enough, he thinks he is turning out more and better work than usual.

Kraepelin and his co-workers have (after twenty-five years' investigation) also demonstrated that it is not the fourth or fifth drink that intoxicates; it is the first, second, and third. On direct evidence and supporting testimony case after case of alcoholism, Edwin P. Dwyer, M.D.

THE WAR CRY THE Praying League.

Prayer Topics.

1. Pray that great success and spiritual results may be achieved during the Anti-Drink Campaign.
2. Pray for the victims of the drink traffic, now in prison.
3. Pray for those who are struggling out of drink's thrall, in the Army, Rescue Homes, Shelters, and Social Institutions.
4. Pray for the comrades who work for the reclamation of these unfortunate ones.
5. Pray for our Commissioner's complete restoration to health.

Daily Bible Readings.
SUNDAY, Feb. 8.—Keeping the Pledge, Jeremiah 33:1-19.
MONDAY, Feb. 9.—Foot's Courage, Jeremiah 36:1-13.
TUESDAY, Feb. 10.—Jeremiah's Dungeon, Jeremiah 37:12-17; 38:1-13.
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11.—Hypocrites, Jeremiah 42:1-20; 43:1-7.
THURSDAY, Feb. 12.—Lost Sheep, Matthew 18:12-14; 22:1-14.
FRIDAY, Feb. 13.—Hope and Wait, Sam. 1:23-28; 2:1-12.
SATURDAY, Feb. 14.—Sealed by God, Ezekiel 1:1-9; 9:1-6; 11:18-19.

Heart-to-Heart Talks.
(By Mrs. Blanche Johnson.)
THE CURSE.
"Go kneel as I have knelt;

PRaise GOD, I'M NOT THE SLAVE OF DRINK!

Except in one respect, I'm poor,
I'm rich in children—half a score,
But that's a hardship—half I think—
Praise God, I'm not the slave of drink!

No wealthy uncle have I got
Some day to change my lovely lot,
But that's a hardship—half I think—
Praise God, I'm not the slave of drink!

A holiday I seldom get,
Paris I have not been to yet,
But that's a hardship—half I think—
Praise God, I'm not the slave of drink!

One of the crowd is what I am,
A quiet unobtrusive man,
But that's a hardship—half I think—
Praise God, I'm not the slave of drink!

I once was captive to the drink,
And it was always stink, stink, stink,
That's why the one great thing to me,
Is from its power to be free.

Implore, beseech, and pray:
The besotted curse to stay,
Re-cast with better courage, aided,
Thy prayers undesigned, thy tears defied.

"Go, stand where I have stood,
And see the strong man bow,
With quivering flesh, lips lashed in blood,
And cold and livid brow;
And that his wandering glance, and see
There mirrored his soul's misery."

"You see, I might have made
them all drink stories."
"Yes," my reply came, "because
you cannot approach any form of
sin, and stand with a view of
cause, or at least a compulsion in it."
A comrade, who has written much
for Army papers, was telling me of
her experience in interviewing dif-
ferent persons with a view of writ-
ting up their life stories. And he
reminded me of my own experience
—and that of my co-workers—
in visiting in the dark places of sin in
an endeavour to rescue some of the
fallen ones.

THE WAR CRY WAS IT WORTH?

Planning story

Christmas Eve
While selling
Cry? I came into
gentleman, in a
country place, who
"Jewelry story." Two
"Western town," and
"the night. The man
stood on the corner
—to be waiting. There
"off them, two lady
of the love of God, and they
erred their message to
had not been to a place
for sixteen years. I
away from the man,
and a few myself to
hall and gave myself to
"God has kept me from
I look back to that night
the five dollars, as well as the
love enough to be a people
poor dinner to go out in
weather and speak and
Jesus."

was entertained by one
He thought five dollars of
the five dollars, for which
was "War Cry," for which
and is glad to do all he can
in our work.

C. H. Squarrelly,
Springfield, N.S.

WINNIPEG CITADEL

Painting of First Motto
To the Editor, "The War
Cry." In opening the pages
of "The War Cry," I found
with which was very interesting
namely, that concerning the
done by this good
Sprunt. Now, with all due
to this brother, and his
would like to say that he is
original designer. I would be
possible, to give credit
is due.

Some few years ago, Mr.
Vinall, then Bandmaster of
Citel Band, and your humble
servant, painted that upon the
wall, which was then photo-
graphed by (now Adjutant) Gen.
(now Adjutant) Gen.
I would like Mr. Vinall to give
credit for this work at all
worked hard. I enclose paper
love The Salvation Army West
you have my continued
Thanking you for your
editor of "The War Cry"
weekly.

(Rev.) A. Ed. O.
Ganham, Ont.

"We thank our correspond-
ing interesting letter. We had
thought to suggest that
Sprunt was then placed
All the same, he has done his
well. The photograph Mr. O.
shows a design very much
the one recently mentioned—Ed.

Newspaper's Relief Scheme
Adjutant Hargrove says he is
in visiting the people that he
night. Holiness meetings at
Ford are being made a great help
There is on the part of the
a sleep longing after home
Speaking of the Christmas
effort, the Adjutant warmly
means the Bradford "Exposi-
scheme, by which readers of the
paper contributing a certain sum
relief because members of the
postors' relief committee.
Before distribution was made, the
committee visited the people from
whom appeals for help were
received. They also distributed
their charity through The Army
oficers. If, therefore, there is a
deal of distress, there is also a
town which sympathy.

THE WAR CRY "Can a Woman Forget?"

TRAGIC STORY OF ONE WHO, UNDER THE CRUEL SPELL OF STRONG DRINK, DID FORGET.

The unhappy woman's story was not unknown to the Officer of the local Corps. Years ago in the Old Country she was the wife of a medical doctor. To think that she, a woman of refined manners and social standing, should have fallen to such a depth of sin and sorrow! But her husband, the doctor himself, gave way to intemperance, thereby undoubtedly hurrying on his death, and almost incredible as it may seem, his wife, with his example before her, began also to taste intoxicants. The cruel spell grew upon her, until she became helpless to resist, and the cultured doctor's wife was now a common whiskey drunkard.

She had married again, her husband a working man, being called to despair by her subsequent conduct. He himself had not for many years indulged in strong drink, and the sight of his home and their little child neglected and his wife again and again sent to jail for being found drunk and disorderly upon the streets, had turned his heart to stone. At last he shot the dagger of her and refused to have her back.

By morning in the cell the unhappy woman began to realize her position. She remembered her husband's death, and her own record she could expect no mercy from the magistrate, to whom could she turn for help?

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"I'll be responsible for her," he said, and the magistrate passed her over to his care. The lady had, however, already been sent by the police beyond her reach, into a home for little children.

For a day or two the faith and patience of the Captain and his warm-hearted wife were greatly tried. On the Saturday night the lady, following the scene at the court, was drunk at the open-air meeting, and on the Sunday afternoon she was again drunk in the jail.

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The Effects of the Drink.

Every day we may find in the newspapers indisputable evidence of the ravages of drink.

In Toronto a starving woman recently ran out of a fifth room onto the street and died. Her husband was a drunkard. She was driven to death.

At Toronto a drunken mother fell out of her, dragging her babe with her and lying on it. The little one was rescued just in time, but the woman was found to be dead. The mother's sudden death through excessive alcoholism.

A terrible thing happened at Montreal some time ago, a drunken man giving his baby whiskey till it had reached the fatal stage, and the baby in a basket and put it in a hot oven.

How many poor little babies are neglected and ill-treated because their parents drink!

From the Pacific Coast comes news of the wreck of the British ship "Lancaster." Several of the crew who were rescued said that the captain had been drinking before the disaster.

Not only vessels, but characters and lives are wrecked through drink.

A fireman at Port Hope drew fifty dollars in wages one day, and the following day was found drunk in the streets. He had a loaded revolver in his possession. All had gone wrong for him.

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But Jesus Lives to Save!

Although drink enslaves so many millions, no poor drunkard who sincerely desires to break away from the bondage of drink, need despair. There is salvation, fall and try to be had through the blood of Jesus Christ.

A recent convert at Port Hope is a man who had been a slave of the drink for thirty years. He now declares that all desire for liquor has vanished, and he is happy in the service of God.

An Australian Officer relates that an old man staggered out of a hotel one evening attracted by an Army open-air. He got converted, in realizing his experiences afterwards he said that he had had two hundred convictions for drunkenness. In one town where they had no lock-up, he was chained in a log. In the presence of the soldiers he dragged the log in the hotel. He got something to drink, and by this time, the policeman came up and found him sitting on the log, enjoying his glass.

But even such an old man, who had been a slave of the drink for thirty years, can be saved through Christ, and is now a happy Salvationist.

A comrade belonging to a Toronto Corps, himself a converted drunkard, tells how he led the worst old hooper in a certain town to Christ. He was out "War Cry" selling, and meeting his former friend, in a saloon, invited him to the meeting that night. He came, accompanied by the old faithful friend he still had—the dog.

Our comrade talked to him, and had the joy of leading him to the Pentecost. The dog followed, and sat between the two men whilst the master was praying. And so it could go on telling story after story of men who have conquered their besetting sin through faith in Christ. In the article on the effects of

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note of thanksgiving—"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."
It should be added that a film of two pictures illustrating Canada's everyday life and industry were shown on the screen while the audience, was gathered, and that the announcement (accompanied by portraits) of the Commander of the Staff Band, with the selected Band, played during the evening. The demonstration was, in fact, a Potter, Major Brindley, Staff-Captain Morris, and Adjutant Hangan having worked with enthusiasm for its success.

SALE OF WORK

During the afternoon there was a sale of articles of clothing procured by the girls in The Army's Industrial Homes in the city and a display of work done in the Men's Industrial Department. Many Officers and friends were present at the invitation of Mrs. Colonel Maidment, and there was apparently a brisk sale at the stalls.

Great interest was manifested in the wonderful transformations effected by which employment is found for men and women who would otherwise be unemployed. "I was ashamed of myself before the war," was the legend attached to one of the old-negro chairs on exhibit, and one could not but rejoice that similar words might be said of many men and women who, thanks to the aid extended by these kindly agencies, have been rescued by the power of God.

During the afternoon, Adjutant and Mrs. DeBow did valued service in charge of the temporary cafeteria.

ARE YOU A ROBBER?

Important Question at the Central Holiness Meeting.

A large crowd was present at the Parliament Street Corps (Toronto) Friday night, January 19th. Neither interest nor congregation is "pegging out."

This weekly meeting is a good indicator of the spiritual life of Toronto's Soldiers; it is, moreover, one of the most successful influences for

Captain Eastwell, and several Cadets took part. A Jassie, Cadet's very human experience while selling "War Cries" her victory in returning to the side of an old man with whom she prayed, after she had sold him a copy of the paper, had a touching effect upon the audience. Brigadier Taylor's address was based upon the words of Matthew: "And He (Jesus) did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

Describing the causes and outcome of unbelief the speaker said: "What an awful realization that by our lack of faith we may, so to speak, tie the hands of the Almighty! Our failure to grasp the fullness of God's blessing may hinder complete deliverance. You may be paralysing God's people in their work by refusing to give up, perhaps, one little thing; but that one thing is keeping you and others out of the blessing—and you know it!" Mrs. Brigadier Taylor closed the meeting in prayer.

CAMPAIGN IN THEATRE

Staff Band at Earlscourt—Great Crowd Attend Special Services on Four Sundays.

The Staff Band has just completed a successful four-Sunday Campaign at Earlscourt, Toronto. For any Band to venture such a campaign at one Corps, where a progressive Band already exists, seemed at first somewhat risky; but the Staff Band has proved it can be done, with great good and satisfaction to both Band and Corps. All the meetings—afternoon and night only—were held in the Royal George Theatre.

For the first Sunday (January 14th) the entire Band was present. A praise service was conducted in the afternoon, and at night, the "Wondrous Cross" service was given. The building, seating some six hundred persons, was packed, and one soul came in God. That part of the Band forming the Octette was with the Octette, on the following Sunday, but the remaining twenty-four members, valiantly carried on the campaign, although the Staff Bandmaster, Adjutant Hangan, was with the Octette, and his Deputy, Captain J. P. Myers, had a bright musical meeting was.

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UNDER THE NEW FLAG.

Eight New Soldiers at Rhodes Ave.—Fifteen Seekers.

Events followed one another in quick succession at Rhodes Avenue (Toronto) on Sunday, January 18th, when Brigadier Cameron and about twenty women Cadets visited the Corps. Captains Eastwell and Greger, and the three women Cadet Sergeants also participated in the campaign.

A splendid crowd attended the Holiness meeting. Several Cadets unitedly sang a special song, and address on "Treasures of the Snow." Holiness from one of nature's wonders. Nine comrades knelt at the Mercy Seat, some seeking seeking holiness of power, others salvation.

The Cadets conducted open-air meetings, and at 4 p.m. returned to the Hall for an object lesson in the Work. Young People's Sergeant, the Cadets in many ways, and they better than ever, know "How to Conquer a Company meeting."

Three open-air meetings preceded the night indoor meeting and there were fifty Salvation Army members. The Hall filled, and no little enthusiasm prevailed, for

About three hundred people were present, but at night, when three of Toronto's best-known men gave thrilling testimonies, the theatre was crowded. Two of the speakers were local Soldiers, whose stories of transforming grace had a convincing effect upon the audience. Brother Marshall, of Dovercourt, completed the trio of re-made men. A young woman sought salvation at the close of the meeting.

Again, on Sunday, January 18th, the Band was without the Octette, which was at St. Catharines, and the Band demonstrated its powers of attraction, for there were splendid attendances. In the afternoon, Brigadier Potter, who directed the four campaigns, gave a lecture on Japan, in which land he was privileged to work for some time as an Officer. At night, the Story of Song was told by means of lantern slides, vocal solos, and readings. Mrs. Adjutant Hangan gave great assistance in this service. "Love and Sorrow," seen in many-day operations of The Army, was the title of the service on the final Sunday afternoon, when the whole Band took part, and a large crowd was present. By pictures, song and music, the pathetic and seamy side of life, brightened by the touch of loving help, was powerfully portrayed, and the audience was much moved.

At night, when the theatre was well filled, Brigadier Potter made women kneel at the Mercy Seat. The local chorales and Staff Bandmen sang with each other in their eager-ness to seek out the unaved. During these services, the Band played "Saving Grace" and "Scene in the Garden of Gethsemane." The Holy Spirit's meetings on the four Sundays of the month have had special leaders. Adjutant Staff Bandmaster John Stitt, have been responsible for these meetings, in which three comrades sought full salvation.

The Corps is continuing its meetings in the theatre, under the leadership of Captain and Mrs. Weeks, the Officers in charge, who are very gratified with the results of the Staff Band's efforts.

Enterprise of Two Young Men. The Legation, Ont. Corps possesses a suitable and comfortable for the Officers. Captain and Lieutenant Williams, who have honours the Corps Officers, are doing well.

In June last, Captain Clark accepted the responsibility of raising necessary funds, as well as the building operations. The task was considerably lessened by work donated by comrades and friends of the Army, and by the work of the Officers. The quarters has seven rooms, and modest equipment.

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Two souls sought salvation on a recent Wednesday night, when the Brigade of Women Cadets led the meeting. Other conversions include the Corps Sergeant-Major's four who came to the Mercy Seat while under the influence of drink, and a young woman who gave her heart to God through hearing the Corps open-air meeting outside of her home.

The Corps' prayer meeting at 6 p.m. every Sunday night is a source of great help to those who gather at that hour, and to its influence many of the recent conversions are attributed.

Farmer's Arm, N.M. On Tuesday, December 30th, we had a visit from Ensign John Twillingate, and a number of other Officers. One soul sought holiness. On the following Sunday, the Hall filled, and no little enthusiasm prevailed, for

the dedication of a new building was to take place. Knight having spoken of the spiritual meaning of the "eye-opener." Here the three who were "brought back" the night previous, with hands trembling, and with the "eye-opener" from their acquaintances. Failing to find a "switch on the nod," the far end of the bar there is a man who came in slowly—not his head to the right or left. He takes his hand over his face in a pained manner. The bartender asks questions, but pushes forward the bottle of everyday whiskey. A small glass of water. Down goes the whiskey. A shiver from foot follows the whiskey. A very small portion of water. The man goes down with hands thrust in his pockets, and his head bangs. He has taken him less than thirty minutes to buy, swallow and pay a liberal dose of poison. Facing towards a customer, the

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Mrs. Captain Ruston, who, with her husband, is forwarding for the Picture Corps.

under the new standard which afterwards handed to the Corps Sergeant.

The Spring Band also gave a service, and at the close of the meeting, six souls sought salvation and sanctification.

Pathetic interest attached to the fact that two of the seekers were husbands within the last year. Captain and Mrs. Williams, Corps Officers, are doing well.

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BARTENDER SEES

Each Other Over the Precipice.

Just struck seven o'clock on a weekday morning, and the bar has been thrown open in their "eye-opener." Here there can be seen those who "broke" the night previous, with hands trembling, and with the "eye-opener" from their acquaintances. Failing to find a "switch on the nod," the far end of the bar there is a man who came in slowly—not his head to the right or left. He takes his hand over his face in a pained manner. The bartender asks questions, but pushes forward the bottle of everyday whiskey. A small glass of water. Down goes the whiskey. A shiver from foot follows the whiskey. A very small portion of water. The man goes down with hands thrust in his pockets, and his head bangs. He has taken him less than thirty minutes to buy, swallow and pay a liberal dose of poison. Facing towards a customer, the

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The Army Founder's Pronouncement.

"WE ARE SWORN FOES OF STRONG DRINK"

I am a prohibitionist, and prohibit the use of all intoxicating liquor in my house, and by my influence and teaching, which I have brought in upon The Army throughout the world, I have succeeded in making hundreds of thousands follow my example.

These are the sworn foes of strong drink. I have, and The Salvation Army has, always fought and will continue to fight this question all the years of our existence.

As an Army we have never spoken with an uncertain sound. No money was ever coined or man yet born that can gag or silence our people; that every house licensed to send forth the black stream of bitter death were closed for ever.

I have no hesitation in saying that the mighty terror of alcohol is the foulest, bloodiest tide that ever flowed from earth to eternity. We would to God that the temptations could be taken away from the people; that every house licensed to send forth the black stream of bitter death were closed for ever.

Brigadier says: "That fellow had a days courage and strength came first, but as warfare yearly grows more and more scientific, men with trained brains get on the best. If this is so in a worldly army, how much more is it necessary amongst

one takes what the others insist on giving him. Each one thinks that he is 'the fellow well met,' a 'sport,' and a 'real hospitable fellow.' But the bartender knows that these men, by means of the treating system, belong to L. C. A. M. D. (Local Canadian Association for the Manufacture of Drunkards).

Just as stupidly as stampeled animals pushing each other over a precipice, each one insists on buying poison in his turn. And every one spends his money to make every one else a hard-drinking and wasted man.

If you are one of the "Can't-let-it-alone" sort, God can save you from it. And He will if you call upon His name.

Chas. W. McGee.

Wychwood (Toronto). On Sunday, January 18th (says E. G. S.), the meetings were led by the Songster Brigade. Sister Mrs. Wilson led the Holiness meetings. Brother Boshier took charge of the afternoon meeting, and Sister Mrs. Boshier read the lesson. The night meeting was led by Sister Fowls.

On Keeping Fit.

BY BRIGADIER MARY MURRAY, SECRETARY OF THE SALVATION ARMY'S WORK AMONG SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Nations keep armies and navies for two purposes: defence and aggression—to defend and to conquer. To accomplish this the soldiers composing an army or a navy are constantly kept in a condition of readiness: everything is done to prevent fitness, at any rate, physically.

If constant discipline and training are required to fight flesh and blood, how important the need for greater proficiency when we war against the principalities and powers of darkness! In this mighty warfare every part of a man needs to be fit.

Physical Fitness.—You are the temple of the Holy Ghost. Don't be influenced in the laws governing the physical in your nature by what worldly men say. As a Soldier in God's great Army, you are called only to follow His laws, and on this point they are, "Be ye holy." Carry out God's law you will learn the great Heavenly law of self-control, and thus overcome temptation, but never by self-indulgence.

Mentally.—It is every day more clearly realized that the letter equipped a man is mentally, the greater

men who have to fight every form of subtle temptation?

You will have to meet mental as well as physical temptations, so it behoves you mentally to take pains with yourselves, and to keep your minds in readiness to meet the enemy. Cover your mental picture galleries with pictures of the Hosts of God in shining armour. Keep of great and noble deeds fill your heart swells and becomes alive. Once you are mentally awake, never,

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BY THE LATE MRS. GENERAL BOOTH.

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again will you completely sink, laying the blame on others. Never will you tolerate small or petty things.

Spiritual Fitness.—How sad that we have to separate the mental from the spiritual! Seeing God's laws, and experiencing the curse of sin, we ought to respond to the highest; but, alas! it isn't so; mentally, for years past, men have persuaded themselves that certain degrading forms of sin are necessary evils, temptation being its own justification. Now, as soon as spiritual light is flashed on, conscience shows the fallacy of such excuses. Man was created with the power of free will—hence, he is expected to resist. To make this doubly sure, God has placed at man's disposal a mighty spiritual force—the Holy Ghost. This armed, sin is not only unnecessary, but degrading.

Defeat is the outcome of unfitness; therefore I say: Keep yourselves fit—physically, mentally, spiritually. Physically by the laws of self-control; mentally by brain work; spiritually by prayer and dependence on God.

Be worthy of your very high calling, and believe me, in proportion as you honour God by remembering and carrying out His laws, He will use and honour you.

"DRINKERS ARE IDIOTS."

So Says This Converted Jack Johnson, Pugilist.

Speaking of the appearance on The Army platform of a recent convert at Grimsby Heath, "The Social Gazette" says:—

Amidst a perfect torrent of applause Jack Johnson, who has somewhat of a pugilistic appearance, stepped upon the platform with a "Thank the Lord, I'm happy and saved," a declaration that was met with a chorus of "Hallelujahs!" Jack went on to say that he had given a bit of trouble in his life.

He had given good hidings, and he had had good hidings given to

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to make case districts? The War Cry.

General Order.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ANNUAL.

It has been decided that the above shall take place at the Corps throughout the Territory on Sunday and Monday, March 8th and 9th. On the Sunday afternoon the children will occupy the platform, and the meeting will be conducted entirely in their interests. On the Monday the Annual Festival is to be held.

SYDNEY MAIDMENT,
Chief Secretary.

Gazette.

Promotions:
Ensign Richard Trickey, to be Adjutant.
Ensign Manuel Hurry, to be Adjutant.
Lieutenant Jennie Murray, to be Captain.

DAVID M. REES,
Commissioner.

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THE MAN WHO DRINKS

"The only course to be taken for personal safety with regard to strong drink is to entirely abstain from its use. If not used at all it cannot be taken to excess." These are the words of the Army's Founder to his Soldiers. Every one of whom must be a total abstainer or cease to be a Soldier, and they apply with equal force to every other reader of "The War Cry," converted or unconverted. That elemental fact calls, indeed, for no argument; all that is required is that the rule should be vigorously enforced by employers and men in authority over others.

Let employers of labour generally follow the excellent example of the proprietors of the United States railroad who recently dismissed one hundred and twenty-six men for persistence in drinking intoxicants after they had been warned of what the consequences of such persistence, whether on or off duty, would be.

It is, of course, hard on the men, some of whom have grown blind in the service, and harder still for their wives and children; but the man who will, after warning, risk the lives of hundreds of passengers rather than deny himself the pleasure of the cup, is entirely without excuse. It is invigorating therefore to see that the company had courage to do something more in the matter than issue threats.

It is very dangerous that the habitual drinker is unfit to hold any responsible position. Neither his brain nor his nervous system is under control. He cannot be trusted while all the time he is in a state of intoxication; not to speak of his utter helplessness in the presence of sudden danger. The action of this United States railroad may, therefore, be regarded as an indication of the healthy advance of public opinion. Canada is doing much by means of temperance legislation to control the drink traffic; she will doubtless do a good deal more. But the individual citizen has a personal responsibility. As a workmate and neighbour, let him no longer laugh at the man who is rather pitiful than dangerous. (Continued on Page 9.)

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THE COMMISSIONER

To visit England at an Early Date

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN HEALTH—WILL SHORTLY LEAVE FOR LONDON TO CONFER WITH THE GENERAL—MESSAGES AND SPECIAL CAMPAIGNS.

It is cause for sincere rejoicing throughout the Territory, and wherever he is known, that the Commissioner is making uninterrupted progress towards recovery. As suggested last week, he has now left the Sanitarium, and he spent, before departing for a health resort, a couple of days in Toronto.

"The War Cry" had therefore the joyful satisfaction of seeing for itself that the Commissioner is now looking more like himself than for months past. There is sparkle in his eyes, grip in his hand, tone in his voice, and something like the old vivacity in his whole being. For which, let us all thank God.

"I am slowly but surely coming up the hill," said the Commissioner, greetings over. "My three weeks at the Sanitarium have given me great satisfaction, as well as benefit: for the doctors who saw me before, when I was in normal health, have now seen me again, and they tell me I am making a remarkable recovery. Their various examinations and tests confirm that opinion."

"It would, however, be folly of me to disguise the fact that I am still from time to time forcibly reminded that I am just recovering from a long and serious illness. But then you know my difficulty has always been that I have more energy than strength. I was able to take three half-hour walks a day at the Sanitarium, however, and the doctors were very pleased with my progress."

"And your future movements, Commissioner, will be?"
"I am going away again tomorrow, to a sheltered little place where the Toronto doctors think I shall get the fullest possible advantage of the sunny and health-giving atmosphere. I expect to stay there a fortnight or more."

"And after that, Commissioner?"
"Well, The General has wished that I should go to England. When he was here I was too ill to attend to any business, and there are important matters affecting the Territory about which he is anxious to see me. He has kindly left the date of my crossing to the doctors and myself, only intimating that I should make the journey as soon as it is convenient."

"The doctors say it will be quite safe for me to start about the third week in February. I don't expect to stay in England long—probably not more than a fortnight. That should bring me back to the Territory by about the third week in March; and then I hope to be able to return to duty—not at once in my full vigour, perhaps, but, I trust I shall be able to take my place with the Chief Secretary, the Divisional Commanders, and Headquarters Staff in rolling the old chariot along. I assure you I shall find that day with great delight, for I have proved that it requires more grace and patience to rest than to work."

The Commissioner spoke again of all the messages of sympathy and love he continues to receive from Officers and comrades in all parts of the world. He has been deeply touched by these, especially by the letters of comrades who have said they have been praying for him at the Family Altar, and by those of Young People who, in remembering his sickness, have recalled the blessings they had received at his Councils.

One of these young people writes in effect: "I was sanctified last year, and gave my life to God at the Winnipeg Young People's Council, from a Corps; but it will not be long when I shall realize my ideal by entering Training."

The Commissioner is disappointed that he will be unable to conduct absence need not detract from the value and power of those that are being held.

"The Chief Secretary has undertaken, assisted by Colonel Gaskin and others, to do the Young People's Councils, and I am satisfied from past experience that the Divisional Commanders and Field and Local Officers will, if possible, put even greater interest and work into the preparations than previously."

"Speaking of the Young People, I am glad to hear from Brigadier Hargrave of the splendid results of the recent campaign. I understand these are likely to be greatly in advance of last year's."

"As to the Local Officers and Bandmen, my heart is set on these Councils, and I shall hope to hold them after my return from England. And now we are at the beginning of the Anti-Drink Campaign! I do hope some very special effort will be put forth to reach the victims of the great curse. My own experience tells me that the most effective way of going to work is to get the individual Soldier to take the matter before his Soliders in this light. You don't accomplish much drinkdrunks by taking them one by one. It is individual effort that succeeds. And the conversion of a poor drunkard has over and over again gained the Army's attitude to the Drink Traffic, there should be no greatest Temperance Society in the world, in that abstinance from strong drink is a cardinal condition of Soldiership with us. God save the poor drunkard!"

Territorial News.

The Territorial Headquarters, The Chief Secretary, Brigadier Taylor and Mrs. Walker, representing the Army at the national memorial of the late Lord Vona, held in the Massey Hall, on Sunday, January 23rd. The Territorial Headquarters were pointed to assist Major, who in the general oversight of the men's Social Work throughout the Territory. She was due to sail for England on Saturday, January 24th.

The Staff-Captain has much time in Rescue Work in the West Indies, and has during the last year or two gained a helpful experience of similar work in the Country and on the European Continent.

Colonel Gaskin conducted the anniversary gathering at Woodstock, Ont., during Saturday and Sunday, January 23rd and 24th. Record crowds attended the lights, a report of which will appear next week.

The Colonel is to give the address at the Central Housing Meeting, Parliament Street, Toronto, on Friday, January 28th.

Major and Mrs. Taylor have written to the Field Secretary saying that they have had a most enjoyable and profitable visit to St. John. He was, however, from pleasant, and during a storm which lasted three days, they were picked up by the crew of a small schooner which had been adrift for five days. The Major speaks highly of the work of Adjutant and Mrs. Burton, the District Officers.

Mrs. Major Fraser conducted the meeting with the men at the Drill Hall, and visited, with Major McGilvray, the Mercer Reformatory on Sunday, January 23rd.

Staff-Captain and Mrs. Wilson of Japan were visitors in Territorial Headquarters on Friday, January 23rd, on their way to Vancouver and to Japan. They spoke to "The War Cry" and "The Young Soldier" concerning their work in that land, and our next issues will contain the results of the conversations.

Adjutant and Mrs. Broadway will be taking a field appointment during the present month (February).

According to a newspaper despatch, Adjutant Hargrave of Driffield was with the man Taylor during the night previous to the day (January 23rd) of his execution for the murder of Charlie Dawson in September of last year.

At the first meeting held in connection with "The Army's 'People's Palace' in Halifax, N.S., conducted by Adjutant Edwards, the Secretary, and Men's Social Staff, fifty men were present, and one sought salvation.

Adjutant and Mrs. Rock have been appointed to Montreal, N.B. Congratulations to Adjutant Richard Trickey and Adjutant Manuel Hurry on their promotion to that rank. Also to Captain Murray who this week donned the red braid.

Captain and Mrs. Sparring of St. John N.B. are at present fulfilling in Bermuda. They are assisted by Mrs. Topley, that of some forward Lieutenant heading on.

THE WAR CRY

Can The Drunkard Be Saved?

THE COMRADES WHOSE PORTRAITS APPEAR ON THIS PAGE WERE ONCE DRINK SLAVES—THEY SHALL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.



Bro. Nidrie.

Bro. Nidrie, Dovercourt.
Before conversion, Brother (Joe) Nidrie of Dovercourt Corps (Toronto), was a terrible drunkard. For a period of seven years he never went to bed sober, or more strictly speaking, did not go to bed at all, daily being too drunk to get there.

One summer night, after partaking of no less than fifteen glasses of beer, he staggered into an Army Hall, with the result that he got a little whiskey "for his stomach's sake," and broke off drinking at once.

"Next week's 'War Cry' will probably contain some interesting details of their respective campaigns. Major and Mrs. Taylor have written to the Field Secretary saying that they have had a most enjoyable and profitable visit to St. John. He was, however, from pleasant, and during a storm which lasted three days, they were picked up by the crew of a small schooner which had been adrift for five days. The Major speaks highly of the work of Adjutant and Mrs. Burton, the District Officers."

Bro. Burse, Hamilton III.
I was born at Fernhurst, Sussex, England, in 1868. When nine years

of age I lost my dear mother, and with no man to guide me I grew up careless and indifferent. Getting into bad company I began drinking and smoking like many other young fellows.

But God's Spirit had hold of me, and I was saved through the efforts of Captain Jackson, at Bromley, Kent, England, twenty-seven years ago. I was a hardseller two years, long was reclaimed twenty-five years ago next July, and God's grace has kept me ever since.

Bro. Humphreys, Dovercourt.
A public-house is a strange place to hear the call of God, one would imagine, but Brother Humphreys of Dovercourt Corps, Toronto, says that it was while he was standing at a bar drinking that he heard a voice say, "There is a better dinner than this for you at home."

He started and looked around, but seeing no one but his mate, and knowing full well that they would never say such a thing, he concluded that the Spirit of God had spoken to him. He at once announced his intention of giving up the drink and joining The Salvation Army.

Going outside he knelt on the road and prayed, and then made his way to The Army Hall. The Salvationists thought he had come to upset the meeting, but he surprised them all by going voluntarily to the Mercy Seat.

He got saved that day, and has gone on in God's service for twenty-three years. He is the big drummer.

A most romantic career has been that of "Brewer" Brown, now of Oshawa Corps, Ont. The son of a drunken prize-fighter, he early learned to drink and fight. He was the "terror" of all the boys in the town where he lived. Upon receiving manhood he entered the prize ring and earned considerable amounts by "knocking out" the unfortunate men who ventured to oppose him.

Bro. Brown soon knocked poor Brown out, and he and his wife and family lived most wretchedly in a London slum for several years.

One day, in a drunken frenzy, he rushed into a Salvation Army open-air meeting, striking right and left. But his arm was suddenly deprived of its power in answer to the prayer of a Godly Sergeant-Major.

Later on he went to a Sunday



Bandsman Burse.

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He has over twenty years of Salvation Army service to his credit, and is happy and prosperous, and now is the joy of seeing his family in the good old Army. As an Envoy he is constantly travelling up and down the country telling the wonderful story of his life and salvation.

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I especially thank God for the miracle that He performed in me, as it was nothing less than a miracle, that of taking the desire for strong drink away from me. It had been a very great curse to me all my life, but from that time I have, by the grace of God, been enjoying glory, our victory over it, and after my past experience, which is a great one in that respect, I can assure the enslaved drunkard that his only hope is the Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that God will help the poor, inebriated drunkard.

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Despatches Direct From The Field.

THIRTY NEW SOLDIERS.

Ottawa I.
An Enrollment at Dovercourt by Lieut. Colonel Chandler—
On Thursday, January 22nd, at Dovercourt, Toronto, Lieut. Colonel Chandler conducted the swearing-in of thirty new Soldiers, and the commissioning of the various Lieut. Colonels of the Corps, A. J. R., encouraging and noteworthy feature of the first ceremony was that nearly all the new Soldiers were young people, who have lately been converted at the Corps (A. J. R.).

Bandmaster Palmer, Deputy Bandmaster Pearce, Band Sergeant Gooch, and Band Secretary Cutler, all remain office. The Band gave a very creditable rendering of the "Happy Soldier" march and the Songsters, having received their commissions, sang, with great effect, "Questions for Sinners." The Songsters have lately welcomed several new comrades, including Bandmen Crouch and J. Clever, who have strengthened the bass and tenor sections respectively. The commissioning of Brother Rawlings as Corps Sergeant-Major was performed amid great applause by the congregation and Soldiers. Treasurer Roberts and Secretary Neil still hold office.

The Corps is progressing favourably under Adjutant and Mrs. Osbourne. Cartridges are on the increase.

Port William, Ont.
Major McClean and Captain Cox were with us on December 27th and 28th, and conducted a very helpful series of meetings. The Major, on Sunday night, took for his text: "God be merciful to this singer." A young man came to Christ. On Monday night (writes Captain Allen) at our Soldiers' tea, after Captain Cox had spoken, the Major gave us a very helpful talk on "Discouragements." He also gave an illustrated lecture on India. This was much appreciated; the beautiful pictures drew our hearts nearer to our comrades in that far-away land.

Montreal I.
On Divisional Commander, Brigadier Rawling, and Adjutant Allen recently gave a service entitled "Gleanings in the Life and Death of the Life-Father" at this Corps. The service was enjoyed by all present; it was well worth the twenty-five cents admission.

On Sunday, January 17th, Major and Mrs. Jennings were with us for the night meetings. Adjutant and Mrs. Knight led the Holiness meeting.

On Sunday, January 18th, Adjutant and Mrs. Urquhart, led the meetings. Eight souls came to Christ in the night meeting for salvation and consecration, and in a recent Sunday night meeting twelve persons came to the Mercy Seat.

Shed Bay, Nfld.
On the arrival of Captain and Mrs. Rawling, the Corps had made good progress. On December 28th (writes Captain Rawling) four souls came to Christ, and four more were saved in the last four months. The Corps is progressing favourably.

Ottawa I.

On January 17th, 18th, and 19th, good crowds attended the meetings, in which we had good music and striking testimonies, some being from new converts. On Sunday afternoon Sisters King and Gilpin and Bandman Fellows took part, and Bandman Malsey read the Bible lesson.

Adjutant Allen gave a touching address at night. Staff-Captain Holman and other comrades giving testimonies. Junior Treasurer Bowman spoke, and Staff-Captain Goolwin spoke on the words, "Behold I stand at the door and knock." Four souls (two adults and two juniors) knelt at the Mercy Seat and found pardon.

One of the converts, a little girl, she knelt at the Mercy Seat, sang D. M. J. touched the hearts of all present. She later on sang another song.

On Monday evening we had with us Adjutant Knight of Montreal. The Adjutant read the lesson and gave an impressive address. Two souls, one a backslider, surrendered. Both gave good testimonies. During the meeting Bandman Townsend soloed.

The Junior Band, under the tuition of Bandmaster Harris, assisted in the Monday evening meetings, and the playing is much appreciated.

Calgary II.

The Corps is advancing under the leadership of Captain Alfrey and Lieutenant Brown (says P. H.). The Band, of about twelve players, under the direction of Bandmaster Barton, is progressing, and takes charge of the Thursday night meetings, which are generally of a musical character. The first of these interesting meetings took place on Thursday, January 8th, and was led by Band Secretary Denning, and on the following week by Brother Horwood. Both meetings were well attended.

Leamington.

As a direct result of Whitehead service six souls knelt at the Mercy Seat during the meeting on January 1st. Since then three others have sought cleansing and pardon. The Corps is improving.

On Wednesday, January 15th (says I. P.) Major Morris gave us his lecture on Army Work in India. The lecture was most beautifully illustrated by lantern slides. A good crowd was present.

Our monthly meetings at the County House of Refuge are proving a blessing, one soul seeking salvation at our last meeting.

Brampton.

Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Chandler conducted the week-end meetings, January 24th and 25th. Attendances were large, and the Corps greatly appreciated the work of the Lieut. Colonel and his wife. On Sunday afternoon, two new instruments, a guitar and a cornet, were presented to the Band, which now has ten members, and four comrades are learning to play.

Bandmaster Walter Cuthbert, Lieut. Colonel Chandler, and Lieut. Colonel Chandler, are the Corps Officers. The Corps is progressing favourably.

Montreal II.

On Monday, January 12th, two of our comrades, Songster Annie Nelson, and Bandmaster Richard Henry Nelson (late of Sunderland, Eng.) were united in marriage.

The bride was supported by the groom's sister, Sister Sophie Nelson, and the groom by Bandman Harry Neil. Major Hay, assisted by the Rev. Doctor Warrick, conducted the ceremony. The Band rendered splendid music. Band Sergeant Whalen spoke on behalf of the Captain. Barker read a telegram from Bandman and Mrs. George Brown of Washington.

The bride is well known at Montreal II. She was a Company Guard for over seven years. Bandmaster Nelson has done well since coming to this Corps.

At the close of the service (says Mrs. Tupper) about two hundred, and fifty comrades and friends went to the lower Hall, where a banquet was spread.

We regret to say that the husband of "War Cry" Sergeant Mary Bell is very ill. Prayers are requested.

Woodstock, N. B.

Ensign and Mrs. Miller took charge on December 12th. Mrs. Miller speedily arranged for a Junior Demonstration, which was held on January 1st, and was a decided success. Everybody was delighted, and by request, part of the programme was repeated.

On a recent Sunday night six souls sought pardon. The Band of Love is being re-organized. On Monday, January 17th, we had a visit from Staff-Captain and Mrs. Coombs, assisted by Captain Whiffin and Lieutenant Edwards. We had splendid meetings, and one soul got converted.

Petrolia.

Envoys Hancock from London I. recently visited us. After the opening meeting we marched some fifty strong to the Citadel, which was well filled. The Envoys gave his address: "Saved to Save." A powerful appeal to sinners was made, and the first to come forward was a poor drunkard, then a man and his wife. Nine others—mostly volunteers—came, and all afterwards testified. We closed the meeting as the clock struck twelve.

Port Arthur.

Our meetings on January 10th and 11th were conducted by our own Officer, Captain Hedley Jones, and Captain Cox from Winnipeg. In the Holiness meeting (says S. Mc J.) two souls sought sanctification, and one salvation. The man who got saved in the morning meeting publicly thanked God for the conversion took place on the previous Sunday.

Captain Cox gave the lesson at night, when another soul surrendered to God.

Carleton, Nfld.

On January 12th and 14th our annual sale of work and banquet took place. We raised one hundred and ten dollars for the Corps fund. The Soldiers and friends of the Corps came nobly to our help (writes Mrs. Captain French).

ALERT FOR SIXTEEN YEARS.

Flag at St. George's, Bermuda.
Under Which 24 Recruits Have Been Enrolled.

We have dedicated our new flag—the only flag on the island bearing the name of the Corps—the old flag has been in use for the sixteen years. Two hundred and thirty-four recruits have been enrolled under it—forty at the first enrollment (writes Sergeant Kelly).

Three comrades have already been enrolled under the new flag. One of the 24, some are Officers in the field to-day; some have gone to their last reward, and some are still in the Corps.

Captain and Mrs. Graves are the Officers; they deserve much credit, and are respected by all.

Dresden.

The week-end meetings (January 10th and 11th) were conducted by Bandmaster and Mrs. Scott of Waterloo, assisted by Bandman Carroll, also of Waterloo, and Bandman R. Smale and Goldsmith, Chatham, Ont. We visited some new districts for our open-air meetings.

On Sunday morning and afternoon (says K. J.) we had a scene at once so joyous and so memorable, rang with "And above the rest this note shall swell!" The Chief Secretary introduced Mrs. Commissioner Rees, and said she would speak briefly. With a heart overflowing with gratitude to God and to her comrades at Headquarters, Mrs. Rees spoke of the help and strength which the Commissioner had received from the prayers and sympathy of Salvationists all over the Territory. She had, in gratefulness to God, rededicated her life to His service.

A backslider and his wife, at a result of the meetings, re-consecrated themselves to God in their homes on Sunday night. Good crowds attended all the meetings.

Moncton, N. B.

On Sunday night, January 10th, two souls claimed salvation.

We recently had a memorial service for the late Captain Kirkpatrick, who, a few months ago, was stationed here. Several comrades spoke of his faithfulness and the goodness of his life. Ensign Green spoke from the words "It is appointed unto man once to die, and after that the judgment."

Sergeant-Major London, of St. John I., was here recently, and a private meeting (says W. G.) was the result.

Point Leamington, Nfld.

Our Junior Christmas Demonstration was recently given under the direction of our teacher, Capt. Crane. Mr. J. Thompson acted as chairman.

On December 26th (writes M. T.) we had a sale of work and a tea. For this the sister Soldiers and local friends worked splendidly. They succeeded in raising forty-two dollars—on a rainy night—towards our new school.

Almost every Sunday two or three souls knelt at the Penitential Throne. Ensign Isabella Barry is leaving on a ship.

Quebec.

During the week-end (January 12th and 14th) one soul sought God. The juniors recently went to sleep to the House of Refuge and gave splendid programmes. The old people were delighted. "Glad to see S. O. J. is due to Sister-Mrs. Bernier, who is a devoted and faithful leader of the children."

Back To Headquarters.

THE COMMISSIONER ENTHUSIASTICALLY GREETED BY HIS STAFF—THE CHIEF SECRETARY LEADS NOONDAY PRAYER MEETING.



COLONEL MAIDMENT

(Chief Secretary)
On Monday, January 24th, led a special prayer and praise meeting at the Territorial Headquarters, at which our beloved Commissioner made his first appearance among his staff since his long illness.

On no occasion have Officers and employees more readily dropped their pens and left their desks at the sound of the cornet—the call to prayer—than on that day, a day of days for every one present.

What a shout went up as our Leader, accompanied by Mrs. Rees and the Chief Secretary, entered! Truly, a miracle had been wrought on our behalf.

As he reached the centre of the room, the Commissioner lifted his hands and in a voice quivering with emotion, thanked God for sparing his life. The Chief Secretary then led the gathering in a song—"Let us love Thee, Thou art our Father," which, with "Oh, what shall I do, my Saviour to praise," has been explained, been a source of strength and solace to the Commissioner during his illness.

Our Leader was "just like himself again," and everybody said so. Was it any wonder that the walls of the room, which have rarely witnessed a scene at once so joyous and so memorable, rang with "And above the rest this note shall swell?"

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Mrs. Col. Maidment

AT CHATHAM.

Assisted by Mrs. Major Fidelity—Scenes of Re-consecration.

The visit of Mrs. Colonel Maidment to Chatham was looked forward to with great interest. This was to have taken place a few months ago, owing to the sickness of her daughter, but she had been postponed. Before the meetings were over, however, all concerned felt that they had been well worth waiting for.

On Saturday night the Hall was packed to excess, and Mrs. Maidment threw herself into the opportunity with characteristic vigour and intensity. She drew a vivid picture of the sad condition of the man out of whom the legion of devils was cast, and portrayed in a striking manner the results of sin on the human heart.

Chatham comrades are to be congratulated upon their splendid buildings, both for Seniors and Juniors. The Band and Songsters are also doing well. The condition of the Corps is a credit to the Organization, and helped in no small degree to ensure the success of the week-end. Adjutant and Mrs. Evans are in command, and are doing a good work.

Mrs. Ensign Richardson of Halifax has been unwell for some time, but is happily recovering. Captain Rogers of Halifax is still very ill, as a result of the accident to one of his legs. We regret to learn that one of Adjutant and Mrs. Evans's two children is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

TRAINING COLLEGE NOTES.

The Mid-Session Examination, which was looked forward to with such expectancy, is now over. When Ensign Malone, the Educational Assistant, published the results, quite a lively interest was evinced on both sides of the College. The final figures show a decided all-round improvement, giving two stars, fourteen excellent, fifty-five passed, and three failed.

To Cadets Renoff and Pocock fell the full honours. They secured the highest possible marks in all subjects.

The Cadets were favoured with a visit from the Chief Secretary on Tuesday morning. The Colonel gave a very interesting lecture dealing with the International aspect of The Army's operations, and the world-wide oneness of the Organization. The address was very much enjoyed, and a hearty welcome awaits the Chief Secretary whenever he can find time to visit the College.

East Toronto Corps has had a

Candidates' Sunday

WILL BE OBSERVED AT EVERY CORPS IN CANADA ON

March 1st.

COMRADES! CONSIDER

WHAT THIS MEANS

To You.

SIR JAMES WHITNEY.

The news that Sir James Whitney, after lying dangerously ill for some weeks, is now making a gradual recovery, has been received with much satisfaction by readers of "The War Cry," and especially by Salvationists in Ontario where Sir James' sympathy with the work of The Army is common knowledge.

THE MAN WHO DRINKS.

(Continued from Page 8.)

and try to bring him to God; as a pastor, let him insist on total abstinence all the time, at cost of dismissal and deprivation of pension; as pastor and example, let him banish the drink from his home, and church, eventually enforcing, if he within his power, its prohibition to the point of removal from membership, and even though he be financially the loser. That is the only way.

And because The Army and "The War Cry" take so strong a stand on the drink question, let no one for a moment suppose that they are down on the drink-slave. The Army is uniform of itself, wherever it is seen, an answer to the coo inquiry, "Can a poor drunkard come to Jesus?" "Yes, oh, yes; he can come just now." And there is his only hope.

When you have read this paper, please post it to a friend who would not be likely otherwise to see copy.

Our Circulation.



OW does "The War Cry" circulation of January, 1914, compare with that of January, 1913? So far as the Divisions are concerned, there has been a general rise, one or two only just getting in. They are all there, however. The increase on the weekly sales for the Divisions is as under:—

North-West (Major McLean), 623; Hamilton (Brigadier Allen), 441; London (Major Morris), 345; East Ontario (Brigadier Rawling), 310; Toronto (Lieut. Colonel Chandler), 301; Pacific (Brigadier Green), 257; St. John (Major Taylor), 220; Training College (Brigadier Taylor), 165; Newfoundland (Vanguard Morchou), 30; Halifax (Major Eard), 32. So good, but we must not be lulled into a false sense of security. The Christmas "War Cry" effort cannot but give the impression that the ordinary edition ought to be much higher than anything yet attained.

INCREASES IN CORPS ORDERS.

What is the position of the Corps? Some have increased, others have gone down, the majority are stationary. Here are the increases in weekly orders:—

200 copies, Guelph; 160, Sudbury; 145, Rhodes Avenue (Toronto); 135, Ottawa II.; 110, East Toronto; 100, St. Catharines; 90, Hamilton; 85, Chester (Toronto); 80, Port Albert; 75, St. John I.; 70, Port William; 65, Toronto II.; 60, St. Mary; 50, Winnipeg II.; Fort William, Belle Isle (Nfld.), New Waterford, Halifax II., Charlottetown, Dresden, Montreal II., Stratford, Petrolia, Oshawa, Tecumseh Street (Toronto), West Toronto, 40, Port Arthur, St. John I., Haldimand, Montreal IV., 35, Springfield, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg I., Port Arthur, 30, Napanee, Galt, Niagara Falls, Paris, Ridgeway, Dunnville, Perth, Riverdale and Weymouth (Toronto).

BUT THERE IS ANOTHER SIDE.

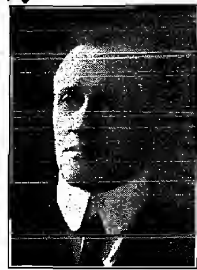
There are, however, decreases. Here is the list:— 75 copies on the week-end order, Berlin 60; Amherst, 35; Ingersoll; 20, North Sydney; 20, Sydney; 20, St. Mary; 20, Vancouver II.; Victoria, 22; Nanaimo; 20, Midland, Collingwood; 15, New Aberdeen, St. George's. There may have been strong reasons for these decreases, but could not these comrades return to the high figure at once if other reliable Heraldic orders to come forward and offer their aid in order to make sure that the "Cry" should be regularly circulated in these districts? Again and again we hear of people being unable to get "The War Cry."

THE WAR CRY

Alcohol: Poverty, Crime, Disease

BY MR. E. E. HEWSON, AMHERST, N. S.

In the last few years the world has awakened as never before to the ravages of the liquor traffic, and the all-importance of bodies like The Army, the Churches, and Parliamentarians fighting it to the death.



Since the greatest medical authority in the British Empire, Sir Frederick Treves, has publicly declared that alcohol is a poison and should be subject to the same limitations as opium, morphine, or strychnine; since life insurance actuaries have found that the death rate between

thirty and fifty is seventy-one per cent greater among moderate drinkers than among abstainers; since it is conceded that eighty per cent. of all the evil in our land is due to alcohol, and if, unmedicated, the drunkard, the finished work of the saloon, is barred from the Kingdom, then as one has put it: "Every church that is worth attending and every preacher that is worth hearing will from this time on fling themselves with a holy abandon into this crusade against the giant curse of the world."

Even from a financial point of view, would it not remove much of the poverty of our land if the eighty million dollars now spent annually in Canada for intoxicants were paid for the food and comforts of home? Government reports show that eighty-six per cent. of Canadian prisoners are intemperate, Chicago records show that forty-six per cent. of diseases are due to drink, and "The California Record" states that of eight hundred tuberculosis patients, ninety-four per cent. of the men have an "alcoholic" history. Surely it is retaining its age-old record that "it lieth like a serpent and singeth like an adder."

All honour to The Army and its faithful Officers for the uncompromising attitude they have always taken in the fight against drink!

Port After Storm.

Dodd Betts, Faversham. "It's all right, Captain, praise God," exclaimed our comrade to the Captain, when asked if all were well with his soul, and if he were ready to die, wrote Captain Cowan.

He was a Soldier for twenty years, but recently he has not been able to attend as he would like to have done; his age at death being ninety-six. He also lived over nine miles from the Corps.

We believe that the great white-robed host has been strengthened by his departure from us on January 14th.

Father Hann, Wesleyville. Our comrade was the oldest Soldier of the Corps, writes F. M. He passed away on December 24th, at the age of seventy-seven, after a long sickness. He leaves behind a wife, six sons and three daughters. The last words he uttered were the lines of the song, "There shall be showers of blessing; Oh, that day they might fall!"

We gave him an Army funeral on the following Friday, and on Sunday held a memorial service. A large congregation was present, and at the close three souls sought, the Saviour.

Mrs. Garden, Harry's Harbour. Our comrade, who had reached the ripe old age of seventy-nine, was for many years a faithful Soldier of this Corps (verily C. I. R.), and will be affectionately remembered by many of our Officers.

In the early days of The Army, when things were not so favourable as they are now, her door was always open to the Officers, and the best her home could afford was always at their disposal.

For upwards of two years previous to her death, she was not able to attend the meetings, owing to sickness, but in all her sufferings she never murmured, and when asked a little while before she died about the condition of her soul, she

gave the glorious testimony that all was well.

We laid her to rest on Tuesday, January 15th, the funeral being conducted by Captain Redway. It was an impressive service.

Mrs. Morrow, West Toronto. At the age of sixty-nine years, Mrs. Morrow, the mother of Bandman Wm. Morrow, of West Toronto, Corps, has passed away to her reward after a few days' illness.

Our sister, although not a Soldier of The Army, was a regular attendant of our meetings, and was greatly interested in The Army, writing to those of her children belonging to it. During her sickness she was visited by Adjutant Campbell, and on different occasions clearly testified that she was ready to go.

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Congress in Chile.

President Roosevelt, at one of his frequent visits to the United States, accompanied by his fourth Annual Congress, and Mr. Mapp, accompanied by his fourth Annual Congress, visited Valparaiso, Concepcion, and Santiago.

A very warm reception given the visitors by representatives of the various non-conformist churches, several large public gatherings being held in these buildings, and others which were conducted in special halls, and in our own buildings.

General Mapp preached on Sunday morning in the Union Church of Santiago, and an interested membership of his congregation was especially present.

There are "regions beyond" in every young man and woman who come under our Training, and they should be encouraged to explore "the North and South Pole in themselves."

Mrs. Booth's brief talk on the true aim of all who have to do with the young life that comes to Clapton—reproducing in each individual the character of Christ—was inspiring.

The General and Mrs. Booth were announced to conduct a Campaign in Paris, Saturday, January 1st, to Monday, February 2nd, in connection with the Congress.

One hundred and twenty-one people are reported as having been saved and sanctified in connection with the Congress, and quite a number of children gave themselves to Christ.

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NEW GLASGOW WEDDING. Sister Cresine and Brother McDonald United by Major Barr.

A Halibut wedding took place at New Glasgow on January 14th (twice 1. I. R.). Brother Irving McDonald and Sister Ella, Cresine being the bridesmaids.

Captain Sproule having prayed and read the Scripture lesson, Major Barr, conducted the ceremony. Sister Pearl Finlayson was bridesmaid, and spoke on behalf of the bride.

Brother, I. Miles supported the groom, and spoke very highly of his consistent life.

Mrs. Captain Sproule said that she had known the happy couple for a number of months, and she was satisfied that their highest aim in life was to please God. Treasurer Reid spoke on behalf of the Corps, and Brother and Sister McDonald both said that in the step they had taken they firmly believed that they could serve God better.

After giving the bride and groom some good advice, the Major brought the wedding to a close by singing the twenty-third Psalm. A wedding supper was prepared in the Young People's Hall by the Officers and Soldiers.

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Two Annual Gatherings.

CONDUCTED BY COLONEL MAPP AT SANTIAGO, PRESIDED OVER BY THE GENERAL AND MRS. BOOTH IN LONDON.

Every speaker, The General and Mrs. Booth in particular, was heard on turning the evening to profitable account by not only acknowledging God's mercies of the past, but directing thought into new realms of spiritual attainment and new fields of conquest for The Salvation Army.

The world's debt of gratitude to the Training College was declared by our Leaders. The General magnifying the greatness of the work in which Commissioner McKie and the Training Staff, are engaged, and suggesting that the future must bring development in the way of "training the trainers" in order that those unseen powers of the Cadets especially may be awakened and cultivated.

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Peace Offering.

"CRY" READER APOLOGIZES AND SENDS DONATION.

The General Receives Herald "Honest John."

"War Cry" Herald Honest John, of Ilminster (England) struck a vein of pure Salvation Army romance while selling his Christmas "War Crys." He disposed of four thousand copies. In the garden of one of the houses at which he called he got into conversation with the master.

"I told him (said John on being received by The General at International Headquarters) that I had been a Salvationist for over twenty years, that I had undertaken for the glory of God to sell four thousand Christmas 'War Crys,' and that I had that morning sent five hundred copies to the hospital, workhouse, prison, and other institutions. I did not forget to tell him that I had sent them in answer to prayer, and in faith that God would provide the money. He asked me how much they would cost, so I said about four pounds, but that I had received good towards that amount. He then said: 'Well, you come here to-morrow evening about seven o'clock, and I'll give a pound (£1) for myself, a pound for my wife, and ten shillings (\$2.50) for my little daughter.' 'I was on hand next evening. He

expressed great admiration for our work, and then asked me if I had ever seen The General. I told him I had. He next inquired if I had ever spoken to him. I told him I had not.

"Before I left he handed me this letter, which he told me I was to be sure to give to you, General, with my own hands." John then handed the letter to The General, who, after reading it, told him that it contained a cheque for twenty-five pounds (£25) from a gentleman who wished to remain anonymous, and who had been very greatly impressed with John's talk, which had brought to his mind an event that had happened in the days of his youth, when he was very much given to mischievous joking, and with two or three other young men hibernated, had thrown an inoffensive Salvation Army Officer into a duck pond.

He now deeply regretted what he had done, and sent this donation as a sort of peace-offering.

Both The General and "Honest John" were much interested in the contents of the letter. And after some very kind references to his opportunities for doing good, and service he has rendered to The Army as a "War Cry" Herald, The General and Herald knelt in prayer together.



Commissioner Ogden (centre) and Swedish Officers who have seen over 25 years' Army service.

Canada's Greatest Burden.

A careful and conservative estimate of the amount annually spent by Canadians on spirits, wines, and malt liquors, calculated upon the amounts which actually pay duty, gives as the alarming total of \$81,329,956.

Dividing this figure by the number of the population, it will be found that the expenditure on liquor, if evenly divided among each man, woman, and child in Canada, amounts to \$11.30.

The amount actually spent on liquor, however, does not represent the total loss to the country's wealth. We must add the amount lost through the illness or incompetence caused by drinking habits. This is estimated at \$650,000.

Then we must take into account the fact that 3,435 persons prematurely die annually because of their indulgence in strong drink. They would probably average ten years more of life except for drink. This entails a loss of producing power to the country of \$2,225,500.

Jails, asylums, poorhouses, and police forces also cost much more to maintain because of the crime, sickness, and poverty caused by drink. This cost is estimated at \$7,087,586.

These items make a total of \$101,722,682. The only offset being the revenue derived from the liquor traffic, which amounts to \$19,342,024.

The net loss to the country is therefore \$162,359,759. This is chiefly the material aspect of the drink problem. Behind these figures is a whole ocean of physical suffering, mental distress, moral deterioration, and spiritual ruin, which cannot be estimated.

Every bar-room imposes its share of this burden upon the neighbourhood in which it operates.

